## BLACKSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

## News Release

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SUBJECT: Credit Card Theft

Police agencies from the New River Valley are conducting a joint investigation into the theft of several credit cards from offices inside local hospitals and medical facilities

To date the cards have been used at stores in New River Valley and Roanoke areas. Cards stolen from victims in Blacksburg have already been used to buy a variety of items totaling over \$2,000.00.

The suspect is described as a black female, middle aged, late 40's to 50 years old, with a large build and walking with arm braces/canes on each arm. The preliminary investigation has revealed that she walks the halls of medical facilities appearing or posing as a patient and then goes through unoccupied offices stealing credit cards. Area hospitals have been alerted and footage from security videos, showing the suspect, is available at the Blacksburg Police Department.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Blacksburg Police Department at 961-1150 or Tip line 961-1819. Pulaski Police Department at 994-8680 and Crime Line at 994-8679